## THIRTY

Police Officer S. W. Giddings Suspended.

AND ALSO REP IMANDED

Police man's Feelings

As the result of striking a man, who rather more than intimated that he was a liar, Police Officer S. W. Giddings was last night suspended by the Board of Police Commissioners for thirty days and severely reprimanded.

The origin of this excellent officer's

The origin of this excellent officer's difficulties are by this time well known. Mr. Lookins keeps a saloon in Rocketts. This saloon the officer pulled one Sunday in the latter part of November, charging the bart-ender with selling liquor on the Sabbath, and also that the house was a disorderly one.

The case came up in the Police Court the following Monday and in the course of the officer's testimony, Mr. Lookins twice latimated that the statement of the witness was false. After the evidence was in, Lookins and the officer came on out in the street, and after some words the officer struck the saloon man and afterwards threw him down. The officer was taken back before Justice Brown and fined \$2.50 for his action, and then Mr. Lookins endeavored to get the matter before the Police Board, with the result that the chief of police preferred two formal charges against him, one of violating that a polloceman shall not use undue violence toward a prisoner or other person; the other that he behaved in a manuer unbecoming an officer.

When the board met all three members, Messys, W. C. Stuart, M. V. D. Doughty and J. M. Wilson, were present and proceeded at once to business Mr. Lookins was the first witness. Hedenled having given the officer was permitted to question him and here are some samples:

"When I said I could prove You so't liquor on Sunday, and that you kept a disorderly house, because a man was shot in their just the fore this other or rence happened, didn't you say I was raise?

"No; you stated that crap shooting shooting and attempting to kill."

"No: you stated that crap shooting shooting and attempting to kill had been going on in my place; that this had come to your knowledge, as if you had heard if from some one else, and I said by the high heavens it was false. You wanted to make me out as saying the you were a liar."
"Did you not call me a false on two occasions?"
"No."

"No."
And so it went. What Mr. Lookinositively did say was that the officer
nocked him dawn without provocation
nd when he had him down, kicked

benefit that he face had a good bit of trouble with the Lookins place, and or the Sunday before this assault occurred he had pulled it, which was the caus of Mr. Lookins' animosity to him wher the case came up in court. The officer gaid that while he was on the stand it Police Court and Mr. Lookins was asking him questions, Lookins twice caller him "a false," and that after the first time, he had cautioned him to be careful how he used such language to him and after second had told His Honor Justice Frown that if he did not mak Mr. Lookins use different language thim he was going to break Mr Look mr. Lookins use different language thim he was going to break Mr Look mr. Lookins use different language thim, he was going to break Mr Lookins the heart time he intimated that he was a tor whereunen His Honor "called both of them down."

Coming out, Mr. Lookins came up thim, and looking him in the face, salf "I know you, and I am going to get even with you, you dirty scoundred. The officer replied that he also knew Mr. Lookins. Then Mr. Lookins safe Tam going to get even with that dirt-scoundred, and sue the city," or word to that effect.

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acoundrel, and sue the city, to that effect.
Upon this, the officer caught him and shook him, after which he struck him and threw him down, but did not strik him when he was down, nor did he kich

him when he was down, nor did he kich him.

In conclusion, the officer said that he had been on the force here for more than three years, spending most of the time in Rocketts, and this was the first time that he had ever been before his superiors on any charge.

Attorney O'Neil, colored, was the next witness. He substantiated what the of ficer said as to what occurred in the court room, and gave practically the same version as to the affair on the out side. He said that the officer did not strike him, when he was down, and lid not strike him, though when Captain Nichett pulled him off, he had his foot wwn back as though to kick him.

officer did not strike or kick the saloon Reeper when he had him down.

The chief was a witness, but his evidence threw no new light on the coac.

The officer had a number of witnesses outside there for the purpose of proving his fitness as an officer. But one of these was heard, his word being taken for all the rest. This one was Mr. Lenz, who testified that he had seem Mr. Giddings make any number of arrests and placed in all sorts of positions where he would be calculated to lose his temper, and considered him the coolest policeman he had ever known; that the efficer had the reputation of being one of the best on the force, and that certainly over there in Rocketts, he commanded more respect and fear than any other man on the force.

The board went into executive session and after deliberating an hour, or thereabout, arrived at the conclusion stated above.

The Story of the Hapless Sailors and the Luckless Lawyer.
This is the story of the hapless sailor men and the luckless attorney.
Tursday night five men off the United States transport Berlin came ashore and invaded Bloodfield, where they met with a variety of adventures terminat.

heir delivery aboard ship, the money o be deducted from their prospective arnings.

The lawyer, representing to the acting justice that the main object was o get the offenders out of town; that they were failed here upon the expirition of their terms, they would be brown penniless upon the city, succeeded in securing their conditional disharge, the condition being that they hould be put aboard the ship.

The culprits accompanied by an officer and the attorney, proceeded to the pier. Reaching there they were alarm doffined that the steamer had just swung off.

epited the lawyer.

"I am serry, for I am short handed ut I cannot stop now," called back the pitain, and the transport went on our ato the channel, leaving the lawyer and is ellents, together with the officer pon the pier. There was nothing else do about it, except to bring the men ack up and put them in jail according the original program. The lawyer id not get his fee. It is probably in lew York by this time.

School.

The children of the Hebrew Sunday bool gave a very clever and delightful stertainment at the Casino last night the benefit of the synargogue fund. Cuite a large audience was presented those who came were well rapaid r it is seldom that children of the agriculture of the self-those who participated do such real-excellent work. The entertainment os enf yed by all.

thus, who participated do such real-excellent work. The entertainment as enfryed by all.
Every number on the well arranged regram was nicely and meritoriously andered, and especially beautiful and fective were the two tableaux, one foliwing the spiendidly rendered recitation. "Hannah and Her Seven Sons." Miss Rebecca Reisfield, the other The Sleeping Beauty." These tableaux ere artistically arranged by Prof. Litrause. The songs were cleverly arranged by Mr. Silverstone and delighted music was furnished by Anderson's probestra.

Overture—Charge of the Rough Riders ..... Anna Russel Simmons.
Song—God Bless Cur Land ......
By School

Prayer for Hanukah Services...... By Rev. H. Swartz. Lighting of Candles..By Eight Boys PART 2.

Overture—Merry War .... Strauss
Song—We Life Our Tuneful Voices .
By Intermediate Class .
Recitation—Hannah and Her Seven
Sons .... By Rebecca Reisfield .
(Tableaux.)
PART 4.

Song-Hallele b ... De libbe class. Recitation-Miss Edith Helps Thirgs By Maude Garner.

Alone By Maude Garner.
Tableau—Sleeping Beauty...
Prince Mauric-Reisfield, Princess, Florence Millman.
PART 5.
Hymn—Hear O Israel By School Dialogue—Grief Too Expensive...
Myer Cohen and Joe Joe Kwass.
Dance—Stars and Stripes...
Pauline and Rosa Jacobs.
Recitation—Kentucky Philosophy...
By Ramond Joo.

By Ramond Joo. Hymn-The Lord Reigns By School.

AT THE HOTELS.

Metropolitan: Samuel H. Müler, Moocacy, Pa.; C. A. Pond, Wakefield.

A.; Montgomery A. Clark., Norfolk.

Fa.; John & Sheetz, Baltimore; S. B.
Anderson, New Britain, Conn.; A. B.
Anderson, Baltimore.

At the Imperial: E. D. Waldorf and vife Richmond; Louis B. Hatke, Rich-

At the Ivy: John R. Ames, J. E. Stenson and Morris Poister, Danville

Rev. A. E. Dickinson, D. D., editor f the Religious Herald, Richmond, is guest at the Alleghany Inn.

RATIES ADVANCING.
Because of the loss of a large number f coal laden vessels in the storms hich have recently swept the New Ingland coast, there is reported a large femand in New England ports for coal nd as a result rates are advancing and rany strange vessels are reported comng this way for coal cargoes.

From 6 to 8 P. M., Thursday, December 15th, in the jecture room of the First Presbyterian Church, the Earnest Pr. We keep onen until 8:3 Pr. We keep onen until 8:3 rood round supper for 25 cents, Fancy save money by buying all i stricles for Christmas presents will be for sale also. Ice cream served.

N-w Home for Pabst Brew ing Company's Branch.

SOUTH SIDE TRANSAC. 101

Lease of Pr perty Other Transfers,

o \$1,200, will be erected upon the coror of Lafayette avenue and Fortyeventh street, and will be thirty-foureventh street, and will be thirty-foury fifty-four-feet.

PROPERTY LEASED.

A lease was entered in the clerk's ofice vesterday from F. F. Finch and M.
N. Fluch to Amelia Fitzsimmons and
imelia M. Walker, the property inolived being at the intersection of
Vashington avenue and Thirty-direct
treet, the term of the lease to expire
Pecember 13, 1933. The consideration
\$350 for the first five years and the
early sum of \$730 during the remaining thirty-five years.

PROPERTY TRANSPERS.

The following deeds of bargain and
ale were entered for record in the Corsoration Court clerk's office yesterday;
W. E. Barrett and wife to Rebecca M.
mith, two lots: consideration, \$5,500.

W. Lee Powell to Gea, W. Diggs, one
tt; consideration, \$1,000.

### LEAR-RAYFIELD

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Tretty Home Marriage of a Popular Couple Yesterday.

A pretty home wedding took place vesterday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock at the residence of Mr. Jos. P. Lear, 28:10 Lafayette avenue, it being the marriage f his daughter Miss Liffle Pearl, to Mr. Dias, Spencer Rayfield.

The house was artistically decorated with holly and cedar. Miss Minnie Bivns was maid of honor and Mr. John Rayfield, the groom's brother, acted as best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. S. Colonna, Jr., pastor of he East End M. E. church.

The bride was married in a traveling uit of pearl gray, with hat and gloves o match. The horide was married in a traveling uit of pearl gray, with hat and gloves o match. The horide was married in a maximeded northern trip. The bride is me of Newport News' most popular oung ladies. The groom is a trusted omployee of the Newport News Shipmidling and Dry Dock Company.

city. The street committee will meet Friday night and it is probable that the action of this body will have some bearing on the proceedings in court the following day. The committee will also consider matters connected with the proposed change in the grade of the approaches to the proposed bridges over the railroad.

### BAINES-BUTLER.

Pretty Home Marriage of a Popular Couple.

Mr. C. W. Baines, the popular stenographer in the government department of the shipyard, and Miss Nettle Builer, the charming daughter of Mr. C. W. Butler, fermerly in the hardware business in this city, but now residing near Toama, were united in marriage yesterday afterneon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of the bride. Rev. I. S. Boyle, of Williamsburg, officiating. After theeremony, which was attended by only the intimate friends of the family, Mr. and Mrs. Baines took the train for Richmond, from which city they will extend their bridal tour northward.

Both Mr. Baines and his bride are favorites in Newpert News, and their many friends wish them sincerely a long life and much happiness.

We desire to inform the citizens of Newport News that we carry a very complete line of Mantels, both wood and slate in all designs. Tile hearths in the very latest patterns, also grates and the celebrated Richardson & Boynton Latrobe Heater. We have the most beautiful patterns in all grades of wall paper. We keep open until 8:30 P. M. and can convince the public that they can save money by buying all interior decorations from us. W. T. Patton & Co., 212 Twenty-seventh street. de 8-tf.

THE MYSTERY DEEPENS.

Death of Private Henry Reffett Is Still Unexplained. It was thought that when the First Kentucky Regiment reached Louisville the mystery surrounding the death of Private Henry Reffett, of Company I, of that organization, would be cleared up, but, on the contrary, it appears only to deepen. The officers of the regiment know nothing of the affair. From the present outlook, it would seem that there is a poor chance of getting any information for the coroner's inquest next Monday, though, it is said, there is in the city any eye-witness to the affair, who does not come forward and testify because he does not wish to get mixed up in the thing, even as a witness.

It is not even known what this man's story is, except that he says he saw one soldier strike another soldier down with a bayonet, and then cover him up with baggage and equipment, saying, as he heaped the stuff on, that he had a great inlind to run him through the eye with the bayonet. This reflectant witness evidently saw something, but the above story fails to explain how Private Brehme became injured. The growing impression is that Brehme and Reffett quarrelled and that they are responsible, each for the other's condition.

The Louisville Courier-Journal of Tuesday contains the following story in onnection with the targedy:

and the wounding of Henry C. Brehme, of Company B. at Newport News Sun-lay night.

"Mystery surrrounds the tragedy, and no one seems to know any of the deals leading to the trouble. Lieut, Collection and other regimental officers ser, seen last night, but all said that ley knew nothing of the affair. They say the sentries were changed from ane to time during the night, and as he exact hour of the killing is not nown, it is impossible to its the reponsibility on any one man.

"Various theories are advanced by Lection members. Some think the men nught between themselves. Others are nelled to believe that they were inexicated and fell on the rocks, sustaining their injuries. One officer said theen had refused to hait at the sentry's emmend, and that when they tried to sale their injuries. One officer said the cosh by him he struck them on the sent, then the rosed to have the sent the senty had a perfect right to do so."

Whether Reffett was the sentinel on 'uty at the time and was assaulted by a private attempting to pass him, or whether Reffett was the solder who delered his intention of returning to the loat and was assaultd by the sentinel has not been clearly established and will not be until the witnesses are found.

Private Brehme is still confined to the hospital at Fort Monroe. He is im-

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Private Brehme Is still confined to the capital at Fort Mooroe. He is imroving slowly and is beyond danger, t is expected that he will be able to ave for home next week.

SAID HE WAS ROBBED.

I. W. Turner Makes a Charge and the Officers Make the Arrests.

Among, those who came to the Police Ourt yesterday on business was J. W. Turner, who said that he had been robject of 330 in Fitzgerald's saloon on Powenty-eighth street, and charged John T. Fitzgerald James Simpson and Fred Vight with helm the parties implicated in it. He claimed that he went at the saloon to pass away the time of was pressed to take a drink, and hat after refusing several times, he hall to be saloon to pass away the took you a roll of greenbacks.

Then he was urged to take a nother rink, and after awhile, did take a soda fier which he began to feel queer, and yesently was "knocked out" on pletsy; knew no more till he came to after twhile and found his money gone.

Warrants were issued for the parties samed and later on Officers Crawford of Mitchell arrested them and locked chem up, having had a very exciting base for Wright and Simpson.

They will be given a hearing in the folice Court this morning.

## CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Twedale, ave been visiting relatives in load, have returned to the city. Miss Margaret Shepherd, who een visiting Miss Grace Atles fo ast two weeks, left this mornin

been visiting Miss Grace Attee for the just two weeks, left this morning for her home in Manchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell A. Magregor, who went to Philadelphia to attend the funeral of Mrs. Magregor's mother, have returned to the city.

The funeral of Prof. M. N. Branch occurred at 2 o'clock yesterday at the home of the dead man's brother at Indika, Isle of Wight county.

After three issues of the Virginia Life. Norfolk's illustrated paper, the loard of Directors have decided to sustend publication.

Mr. Allan F. Campbell, manager of the Chamberlin Hotel, Old Point Comfort, who has been ill for three weeks past, is improving daily, and is hoping to be in his office in a few days.

The W. C. T. U. will hold its regular meeting in the Y. M. C. A. parlors at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The district resident, Mrs. A. C. Miley, of Norfolk will be present.

Tom Edwards a negro, was shot in the arm by another negro, Tom Harris, in Abraham Brown's saloon in Blood-lid Tuesday night, the two quarreling ver a game of craps. Harris escaped, Mrs. A. C. Miley, district W. C. T. U. bresident, will come over from Norfelk cday and on Fridday will meet with the Christine Bradley Y. She will be the pust of Mrs. E. T. Ivy.

An oil stove in a banana car standing just outside of pier No. 8 was turned over yesterday and the car set on fire. The illumes were easily extinguished without the aid of the fire department, which was summoned, however, and arrived on the scene promptly.

Buy your Whiskies and Wines for post the ard medicinal purposes at New-

Buy your Whiskies and Wines for ooking and medicinal purposes at New-ort News Wine and Liquor Co.'s. • dec 15-rf X-quisite X-mas X-hibit of necktles, hose, suspenders, handkerchiefs, muf-flers, gloves, hats, suits and overcoats at Woodward & Wornble's. del4-tf.

# DISCUSS CANAL BILL

Senator Harris Pronounce the Project Impracticable-

## HAS STRONG CHAMPIONS

In Which Speaker Joins,

(By Telegraph.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. H.—The Nicasian annua bill held its place as the oriental subject before the Senate again roady, the pending question being an Mr. Sturple's motion to postpone until January 16. Speeches were made by Messrs, Harris, Stewart, Money and Morgani.

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Mr. Harris spoke on the general foatures of the bill. He said that as a boy he was attached to a surveying party in the lethmus, in 1859, and ever since that time he had been a zeabous advocate of the general proposition that a canal should be built across the isthmus, Still, he did not think it practicable for a private corporation to construct the canal and urged government ownership.

THINNS IT IMPRACTICABLE.

Mr. Harris said that he considered the Panama canal entirely impracticable. He supported Mr. Berry's amendment relieving the bill of its bond provisions, saying it would greatly improve the measure.

The Clayton-Bulwer treaty formed the basis of a brief speech by Mr. Money, the advocated delay in order to afford opportunity for negotiations booking to the abrogation of the treaty. Mr. Money said we should at least notify Great Britain that we desire a modification of the treaty, as a first step. In his connection, he referred to the enternet cordiale existing between the United States and England, saying that he wanted to see the two nations brought even closer to extent than now. Hence, the importance of dealing fairly and courteously with Great Britain in this important matter.

Mr. Bacon gave notes of an amend.

A DISCRIMINATION.

THE SENATE CONFIRMS.

The House adjourned at 2:05 P. M.

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A VIRGINIA POSTMASTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. H.—The President today nominated the following rostmasters:

Virginia—C. C. Lincoll, Marion.
Flor da—Pix M. Robinson, Pensacola, Georgia—J. A. Crawford, Dalton.

VIRGINIA SOLDHERS CLAIMS, WASHINGTON, Dec. H.—Senator Daniel today secured the passage of a resolution by the Senate directing the Senate whether or not any of the amount due the State of Virginia as remainly sensent for transportation and mainfenance of volunteer troops had been withheld, and if so for what cause.

American and Spanish Commissioners Observe Diplomatic Etiquette.

(By Telegraph)

PARIS. Dec. 13.—The United States Peace Commissioners, presented by the American Ambassador, General Horace Parter, and the Stanish Peace Commissioners, presented by the American Ambassador, General Horace Parter, and the Stanish Peace Commissioners, presented by the Ambassador of Spain, Senor Leon y Castilloformally called on President Faure and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. decasse, today to thank for the kindnesses extended to the commissioners during their stay in the French capital.

President Faure received the Americans at the Elysse Palace, surrounded by his military staff, their showy unforms being in strong contrast with their slightly of the Americans, The reception was really an informal exchange of compliments, President Faure speaking partly in French and Tartly in English, and Judge Dayspeaking for the Americans.

The latter expressed the pleasure our commission felt in conducting the nerotinations in the capital of France, and M. Paure said he hoped they had been treased with their reception here.

Then, Judge Day, in the name of President McKinley, thanked President Paure for the uniform courtesy extended to the Americans here and renarked that Paris had been the scene of the most important negotiations between the United States and foreign powers particularly the signing of the treaty by which England recognized the language for the Commissioners to convey to President McKinley and the American people of the most of the most of the most of the foreign and the American people of the McKinley and the McKinley and the American people of the McKinley and the McKinley and the McKinley and the McKin

DEBATE ON RULES.

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(By Telegraph)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—The House today, for the second time during this congress, refused to consider the Lodge Immigration bill. At the last session an attempt was made to take it from the Speaker's table, but was defeated by a large majority.

Mr. Danford, of Ohio, chairman of the Immigration Committee, thought that the bill would be stronger at this session, after the elections were over, but today, when he tried again to secure consideration, the House declined, by a vote of 103 to 100, to take it up.

An interesting, but brief debate on the rules wes precipitated during the session by Mr. Grow, of Pennsylvania, during which Mr. Dearmond made a speech on the decadence of the pilvilege of debate in the House.

DEARMOND'S IRONY.

He was exceedingly ironical in his teference to the decadence of the old time privilege of full debate. It had become the fashion, he said, to bring in repressive rules to cut off debate upon every important question, and asserted that the rules under which the lituse was now operating, which could the province of the Speaker. Mr. Dearmond was either all application of the Speaker and the chair, replied to his critic as follows:

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The Repaker from Missouri has permitted himself to make statements in regard to the relations between the Speaker and the other members of the Committee on Rules that I am happy to state are not justified by the facts. The House must not feel itself to have